Pollution by slaughter houses

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of slaughter houses in the country which have come to the notice of Government and in what manner these are polluting the environment, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that slaughter houses situated within the radius of 5 kms. from the city of Aligarh in Uttar Pradesh are causing water, air and other types of pollution there;

(c) whether slaughter houses situated near the city of Aligarh are polluting the environment due to nexus between pollution control authorities and the latter; and

(d) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) As per information received from the State Pollution Control Boards (SPCBs)/Pollution Control Committees (PCCs) by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), there are 765 slaughter houses in the country *viz.* Andhra Pradesh-54, Himachal Pradesh-20, Kerala-65, Karnataka-47, Madhya Pradesh-138, Meghalaya-14, Tamil Nadu-110, Uttranchal-13, Chandigarh-1, Delhi-1, Lakshadweep-1,Chhattisgarh-11, Goa-25, Gujarat-60, Haryana-21, Maharashtra-37, Punjab-36, Rajasthan-5, Uttar Pradesh-77, Bihar-24, Daman D & Nagar Haveli-2, Pondicherry-1 and Jammu & Kashmir-2. Inadequate pollution control measures installed in the slaughter houses result in water pollution and problems of solid wastes disposal.

(b) to (d) As per the information made available by the U.P. Pollution Control Board, there are two major slaughter houses in Aligarh, namely, M/s PashuVadhya Shala, Makdoom, owned by Nagar Nigam, Aligarh

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and M/s Hind Agro (P) Ltd. M/s Hind Agro (P) Ltd. has provided pollution control devices and is in the process of setting up anaerobic digestion plant to recover bio-gas and generate electricity with the support of Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources. As the Nagar Nigam slaughter house does not have the required pollution control measures installed, the unit was issued Closure order under Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 by the U.P. Pollution Control Board. The Board has decided to further take legal action against the unit in the Court of Law.

Also the CPCB has been pursuing with the SPCBs/PCCs including the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board for the installation of necessary pollution control measures, for treatment of effluents and solid waste management including preparation of a time bound action plan by the slaughter houses. The CPCB have also issued directions under Section 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 to the SPCBs/PCCs.

Financial assistance for afforestation by NGOs in MP

†1335. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh has demanded any kind of financial assistance for afforestation by Non-Government Organisations;

(b) whether Government have given its clearance to the said demand; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has not specifically demanded any kind of financial assistance for afforestation by Non-Government Organisations (NGOs). However, Ministry of Environment and Forests gives financial assistance to voluntary agencies including NGOs for afforestation under

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